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FROM THE

STANDING COMMITTEE

ON

TRADE (INCLUDING AGRICULTURE
AND FISHING), SHIPPING, AND
MANUFACTURES,

ON THE

IRISH TOBACCO BILL,

WITH THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.



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[*Thursday, 21st February, 1907*] :—Sir William Brampton Gardon reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had nominated the following Members to serve on the Standing Committee for the consideration of all Bills relating to Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping and Manufactures, which may, by Order of the House, be committed to such Standing Committee :—

Mr. Attorney-General.
Sir Frederic Cawley.
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Mr. McKillop.
Mr. Meenan.
Mr. Charles Nicholson.
Mr. Nicholls.
Mr. Parkes.
Mr. Partington.
Major Renton.
Mr. Thomas Richards.
Sir George Robertson.
Mr. John Robertson.
Mr. Robinson.
Sir Robert Rogers.
Mr. T. W. Russell.
Mr. Shackleton.
Mr. Smeaton.
Mr. Soames.
Mr. Solicitor-General for Scotland.
Sir Edward Strachey.
Mr. John Talbot.
Mr. Austin Taylor.
Mr. Theodore Taylor.
Mr. David Alfred Thomas.
Mr. Verney.
Mr. Walrond.
Mr. Walsh.
Mr. Cathcart Watson.
Mr. George White.
Mr. Osmond Williams.
Lord Willoughby de Eresby.
Mr. Wolff.
Mr. Young.

[*Monday, 4th March, 1907*] :—Standing Committees (Chairmen's Panel).—Mr. Stuart-Wortley reported from the Chairmen's Panel, That they had appointed Mr. Eugene Wason to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures.

Mr. Stuart-Wortley further reported from the Chairmen's Panel; That they had agreed to the following Resolution, That any Member of the Chairman's Panel be and he is hereby empowered to ask any other Member of the Chairman's Panel to take his place in case of necessity.

[*Wednesday, 6th March, 1907*] :—Standing Committees.—Ordered, That all Standing Committees have leave to print and circulate with the Votes the Minutes of their Proceedings, and any amended Clauses of Bills committed to them.

[*Tuesday, 12th March, 1907*] :—Selection (Standing Committees).—Sir William Brampton Gardon reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping,

and Manufactures : Mr. Charles Nicholson, Mr. Mansfield, and Mr. Croubée ; and had appointed in substitution : Dr. Pollard, Mr. Rogers, and Mr. James Murray.

[*Monday, 25th March, 1907*]:—Irish Tobacco Bill,—read a second time, and committed to the Standing Committee on Trade, &c.

[*Thursday 11th April, 1907*]:—Selection (Standing Committees).—Sir William Brampton Gordon reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had added to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, the following Fifteen Members in respect of the Irish Tobacco Bill: Mr. Runciman, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland, Mr. Gordon, Colonel M'Calmont, Mr. Victor Cavendish, Mr. William Redmond, Mr. Mooney, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Boland, Mr. Gwynn, Mr. Vincent Kennedy, Mr. Dolan, Mr. Hazleton, and Mr. Boddy.

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THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRADE (INCLUDING AGRICULTURE AND FISHING),
SHIPPING, AND MANUFACTURES, to whom the IRISH TOBACCO BILL was referred;—
Have gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

17th April, 1907.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRADE (INCLUDING AGRICULTURE AND FISHING), SHIPPING, AND MANUFACTURES.

Wednesday, 17th April, 1907.

Mr. J. W. WILSON in the Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Attorney-General for
Ireland (Mr. Cherry).
Mr. Boland.
Mr. Timothy Davies.
Mr. Dolan.
Mr. Duckworth.
Mr. Everett.
Mr. Munro Ferguson.
Mr. Gwynn.
Mr. Hayden.
Mr. Joyce.
Mr. Vincent Kennedy.
Colonel M'Calmont.
Mr. M'Killop.
Mr. Meehan.

Mr. Nolan.
Dr. Pollard.
Mr. William Redmond.
Sir George Robertson.
Mr. John Robertson.
Mr. Rogers.
Mr. Runciman.
Mr. Shackleton.
Mr. Smeaton.
Mr. Theodore Taylor.
Mr. Walsh.
Mr. Cathcart Watson.
Mr. George White.
Lord Willoughby de Eresby.

IRISH TOBACCO BILL.

Preamble postponed.

Clause 1.

Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 11, to leave out the words "From and after the passing of this Act," in order to insert the words "As from a date to be fixed by His Majesty by Order in Council as soon as Parliament has made provision for an excise duty on tobacco produced in Ireland"—(*Mr. Runciman*)—instead thereof.—Question, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause,"—*put*, and *negatived*.

Question, "That those words be there inserted,"—*put*, and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 12, to leave out the word "or," in order to insert the word "and"—(*Mr. Runciman*)—instead thereof.—Question, "That the word 'or' stand part of the Clause,"—*put* and *negatived*.

Question, "That the word 'and' be there inserted,"—*put*, and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 12, to leave out the words "made in this kingdom which," in order to insert the words "so far as it"—(*Mr. Runciman*)—instead thereof.—Question, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause,"—*put*, and *negatived*.

Question, "That those words be there inserted,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 16, after the word "void," to add the words :

"The Commissioners of Inland Revenue may make regulations prohibiting the growth or cultivation of tobacco in Ireland and the manufacture or preparation of tobacco grown in Ireland except by persons holding a licence, and on land or premises approved by the Commissioners for the purpose, and for fixing the date of the expiration of a licence, and also for regulating such growth, cultivation, manufacture, or preparation, with a view to securing and collecting any excise duty for the time being payable in respect of tobacco, and for applying thereto any provision of the law relating to excise, or of the Manufactured Tobacco Act 1863, or any Act amending the same, and if any person acts in contravention of or fails to comply with any of these regulations, the article in respect of which the offence is committed shall be forfeited, and the person committing the offence shall be liable in respect of each offence to an excise penalty of fifty pounds."

—(*Mr. Runciman*).—Question, "That those words be there added,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 2, *agreed to*.

New Clause ("Power to authorise growth of tobacco for experimental purposes") brought up and read the first time as follows :

"Notwithstanding anything in this Act, the Commissioners of Inland Revenue may permit any person to grow tobacco in Ireland for experimental purposes only subject to any special regulations and conditions they think fit, and subject to any allowance in respect of any duty for the time being payable as may be sanctioned by the Treasury"—(*Mr. Runciman*).

Clause read a second time and added to the Bill.

Preamble.

Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 4, after the word "by," to insert the words "virtue of"—(*Mr. Runciman*).—Question, "That those words be there inserted,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Preamble, as amended, *agreed to*.

Ordered, To Report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

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